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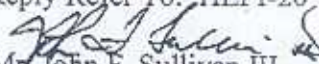
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December 22, 2008

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

W. F. Rosser, P.E.
State Highway Administrator
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Raleigh, NC 27699-1536

In Reply Refer To: HEPI-20

Through: 
Mr. John F. Sullivan III
Division Administrator
Raleigh, NC

Dear Mr. Rosser:

We have completed review of your request submitted through Division Administrator John F. Sullivan III to add the portion of the Northern Wake Expressway in the Raleigh area from U.S. 1 to U.S. 64 to the Interstate System. This segment was designated a future part of the Interstate System under former Section 139(b) of Title 23 U.S.C. on June 6, 1996.

After careful consideration of the request, I find the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(4)(A) and the Section 139(b) agreement for construction to Interstate standards have been satisfied and hereby approve designation of the requested segment as part of the Interstate System.

The route numbering of the Interstate corridor as I-540 was conditionally approved by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials on April 21, 1996, and is hereby given final approval for this segment. The description for this 9.5-mile extension will read as follows:

I-540 from U.S. 1 northeast of Raleigh southeasterly to U.S. 64/U.S. 264 southwest of Knightdale.

Under 23 U.S.C. 119(a)(1)(B), this segment becomes eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds. Also, under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(4) its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will become eligible for inclusion in the IM funds apportionment formula.

Sincerely,



Thomas V. Madison, Jr.
Administrator

cc: Ms. Marty Vitale-AASHTO


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